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“LISTENING SESSION” ON LONGTERM CARE TO BE HELD IN PHOENIX

(Phoenix, September 19, 2002) A “Listening Session” has been scheduled by the Arizona Interagency Council on Long-Term Care. This is the second of three public hearings and will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2002 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Capitol Building, Grand Canyon Room, Basement, 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona.

The Legislature created the Interagency Council in the Spring of 2000. The Council is made up of representatives from the Arizona Department of Economic Security, The Department of Health Services, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System, the Department of Commerce, the Department of Insurance, the Governor’s Advisory Council on Developmental Disabilities and the Governor’s Advisory Council on Aging as well as two representatives from Arizona’s Area Agencies on Aging. The purpose of the Listening Session is for the Interagency Council to seek public input on how Arizona’s Long-Term Care system can be improved to:

- Ensure the dignity of the consumer;
- Design a program to meet individual needs;
- Provide services of the highest quality;
- Provide an opportunity for consumers to choose and have input in their services;
- Provide affordable services; and
- Coordinate between state and federal mandates.

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